Supply of coal to Uttar Pradesh

3279. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal is being supplied to Uttar Pradesh according to the demand;

(b) if so, what are the details of these supplies made during three financial years, vis-a-vis demands made;

(c) if not, what were the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to permit Uttar Pradesh to import coal from foreign agencies; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Demand for coal is being assessed sectorwise and not State-wise. However total coal supplies to all consumers in Uttar Pradesh from Coal India Ltd. during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 were as follows :

(In 000'tonnes)

Years	Total supplies (excluding colliery consumption)
1989—90	27644
1990-91	27641
1991-92	30478

It may be seen from the above table that coal supplies to Uttar Pradesh have increased significantly in 1991-92. Even then there might have been some shortfalls in supply of coal to consumers in non-core sectors, mainly because of priority being accorded for movement of coal to core sector consumers like power etc.

(d) and (e) Import of coal has been placed under Open General Licence (OGL) and as such there is no need for any licence/permission from the Government of India for its import. However, import duty at prevalent rates has to be paid on such imports.

Medical facilities to Coal Workers

3280. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Medical facilities are available to workers of coal mines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether regular medical check-up of workers of Coal Mines is being done on rotational basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some medical centres are attached with Coal Mines;

(f) if so, what are their names, coal mine-wise;

(g) whether these centres have regular physicians and surgeons for the purpose; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (h) There are 78 hospitals with 5243 beds, 429 dispensaries, 593 Ambulances, 1609 Doctors including 325 Specialists in Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries to provide medical facilities to the colliery employees. Emergency beds are also available in colliery